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DECLARATION FOR PATENT APPLICATION

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TITLE : LAMINATE FLOORING

DOCKET NO. : WIL-41127-70

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As a below named inventor, I hereby declare that:

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I believe I am the original, first and sole inventor (if only one name is listed below) or an original, first and joint inventor

(if plural names are listed below) of the subject matter which is claimed and for which a patent is sought on the invention entitled LAMINATE FLOORING, the specification of which is attached hereto unless the following is checked:

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I hereby state that I have reviewed and understand the contents of the above-identified specification, including the claims, as amended by any amendment referred to above.

I acknowledge the duty to disclose information which is material to patentability as defined in Title 37, Code of Federal Regulations, § 1.56.

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Prior Foreign Applications:

Priority Claimed:

(Number)	(Country)	(Day/Month/Year Filed)	Yes	No
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I hereby claim the benefit under 35 U.S.C. 119(e) of any United States provisional application(s) listed below.

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I hereby claim the benefit under Title 35, United States Code, § 120 of any United States application(s), or 365(c) of any PCT international application designating the United States of America, listed below and, insofar as the subject matter of each of the claims of this application is not disclosed in the prior United States or PCT International application in the manner provided by the first paragraph of Title 35, United States Code, § 112, I acknowledge the duty to disclose information which is material to patentability as defined in Title 37, Code of Federal Regulations, § 1.56 which became available between the filing date of the prior application and the National or PCT international filing date of this application.

<u>09/941,500</u> (Application No.)	<u>08/29/2001</u> (Filing Date)	<u>Pending</u> (Status - patented, pending, abandoned)
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<u>09/436,317</u> (Application No.)	<u>11/08/1999</u> (Filing Date)	<u>Patented</u> (Status - patented, pending, abandoned)
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(Application No.)	(Filing Date)	(Status - patented, pending, abandoned)

As the inventor, I hereby appoint the following attorney(s) and/or agent(s) of WELSH & FLAXMAN LLC to prosecute this application and transact all business in the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office connected therewith. Name and registration number are listed below.

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